Dodge City Community College

Distinguished Alumnus Luncheon

Saturday, May Ninth
Two Thousand and Nine

12:00 p.m.

Dodge City Community College
Santa Fe Room

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Byron C. Hill

Distinguished Alumnus

Achievement in Education

Byron C. Hill was commended the honor of being the Dodge City Community College Distinguished Alumnus for the 2009 commencement ceremony.

Hill is a native of Bloom, located in southern Ford County, and farmed during the summers in Gray County for 30 years. He is a 1962 graduate of Dodge City Community College where he earned his Associate of Arts degree. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Fort Hays State University in 1965 and completed his Master's degree in English at Fort hays State University in 1968. He also completed Graduate Studies in English at Idaho State University while on sabbatical in 1974 and 1975.

Hill began his teaching career as an English teacher at Morrill High School from 1965 to 1967 and then moved to Montezuma High School from 1968 to 1969. In 1969 he became an English Instructor at Dodge City Community College until 2002. In 2002 he stepped into the Associate Dean of Instruction role at Dodge City Community College until his retirement in 2006.

He attended the Plains Academy Summer Institutes at Kansas State University in May of 2000 and May of 2001. The institutes were sponsored by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE).

In 2000, he was awarded the NISOD Excellence Award: The International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. The award was presented to Hill at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) in Austin, Texas.

Hill had an article titled "Electronic Grading" published in the Spring 2002 edition of Kansas English: The Journal of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English.

Hill married Earlene McComas and they have three children: John, Christy and Scott. All three of their children attended Dodge City Community College achieving degrees or certificates.

Distinguished Alumnus Citations

Dodge City Community College

1963	Larry Neely	Secondary Education
1963	Robert Abbott	Civic Leader
1963	Roy Schoen	Agriculture
1964	Jarrell McCracken	Religion
1965	James Simmons	Art
1966	William Gamble, Ph.D.	Engineering
1967	Clair Conard, M.D.	Community College Education
1967	Alfred F. Steimel	Community College Education
1968	Gordon D. Grunke	Theatre Arts
1969	William W. Burney, Ph.D.	Mental Health
1970	Buddy Piper	Performing Arts
1971	Joseph E. Spradlin, Ph.D.	Mental Health
1972	Lawrence Brown, Jr.	Athletics
1973	Thomas Lollar	Engineering
1974	Rex Reynolds	Education
1975	William D. Hoadley, M.D.	Medicine
1976	Jack H. Henderson	Military Music
1977	Eleanor Fry	Journalism
1978	John B. Littlejohn	Community Service
1979	Sam Griffith	Chemical Engineering
1980	Jesse M. Luera	Community Service
1981	Ellen L. Boyd, M.D.	Medicine
1982	John P. Husar	Journalism
1983	Thomas Griffith	Biochemistry Research
1984	Eugene Robert Faurot	Community Service
1985	Wanda Hunt Standley	Community Health
1986	Dr. David S. Torbett	Family Counseling and Guidance
1987	Dr. Eddie Dean Estes	Community Service and Education
1988	Dr. Gary A. Livingston	Education
1989	Gene B. Penland	Community Service
1990	Patricia A. Falcon	Nursing
1991	Larry E. Soice	Community Service
1992	Steve Tasker	Athletic Achievement
1993	David J. Rebein	Law
1994	Robert Pipkin	Education
1995	Sandra Zink, Ph.D.	Biology
1996	Ethel Marie Peterson	Education
1997	Mary Spurgeon	Art
1998	Kathy Ramsour	Education
1999	Dr. Jerry Vincent	Science
2000	David A. Winford	Higher Education
2001	W.R. "Bill" Robbins	Banking and Community Service
2002	Edward L. King	Innovation in Business
2003	Leon Liebl	Broadcasting
2004	Duane G. Naccarato	Retail Marketing and Merchandising
2005	Brett Akagi	PhotoJournalism
2006	Gary Patterson	Athletics
2007	Kelly T. Locke, M.D.	Medicine
2008	Elizabeth Rogers	Law

Program

Introductions ..... Michael Ahern
Dean of Instruction/Chief Academic Officer

Welcome ..... Richard K. Burke, Ph.D.
President

Invocation ..... Chuck Pfeifer
Associate Dean of Instruction

- Lunch -

Introduction and
Recognition of Distinguished Alumnus.... Richard K. Burke, Ph.D.

Distinguished Alumnus Remarks ..... Byron C. Hill

Presentation of
Distinguished Alumnus Plaque ..... Richard K. Burke, Ph.D.

Closing Remarks ..... Richard K. Burke, Ph.D.

Commencement Committee

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